

ABSTRACT

A lock control device for a computer or other piece of equipment can control accesses to that equipment. The lock control device provides input to the computer or other piece of equipment to identify an authorized user. This input is in lieu of, for example, entry of one or more passwords using a keyboard. The lock control device of the present invention is preferably activated using, for example, a proximity card or a magnetic strip card. In this way, access to the equipment secured by the lock control device can be quickly activated, even if that equipment has timed out and locked up.